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Examiner: Gartenberg  
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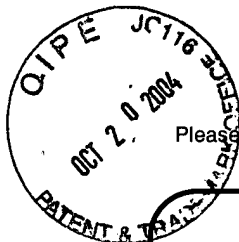
equivalents of any specifically recited feature is outside the scope of the allowed claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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